COLUMBIA SEMINARY

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## Columbia Seminary completes renovations

*Exterior of Campbell Hall was pressure washed and waterproofed.*

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY recently completed major renovations on Campbell Hall and the Friendship Apartments. Work on the buildings lasted for six months. The new changes will greatly enhance the life and work of the seminary.

Funds for the Campbell Hall renovation came from an anonymous foundation, which donated $300,000. The work on Campbell Hall, built in 1927, actually began during the summer of 1986. The exterior of Columbia's main administrative and classroom building was thoroughly cleaned and waterproofed. After this was completed, work began in the basement of Campbell Hall.

The basement had one large classrooom and a small, inadequate area for the ryping pool. In addition, there wete sevetal small tooms fot storage and an area for maintenance.

Workers stripped out the entite basement. They tore down walls and excavated new areas to provide more space. The original space was renovated to hold sevetal offices.

There are now two mail rooms with a work area, space for the typing pool, a large storage room, two administrative offices, and the Supervised Ministry Office. The Supervised Ministry Office had been on the first floor in an area shared by the Admissions Office. Supervised Ministry now has a large reception area, two offices, and a confetence toom.

In addition to these facilities, the newly excavated space on the building's east side has testrooms and two offices. These offices are already in use by adjunct faculty members.

After the work was completed in Campbell Hall's basement, wotkers moved to the first floor. The area previously shared by Supervised Ministry and Admissions was renovated for use by the Admissions Office alone. The space now has a teception area, an office fot the Director of Admissions, a conference toom, a storage room, and a small room for a copiet.

On the othet side of the hall anothet area of the first floor has been transformed. It formerly held the Dean of Students Office and the mail/copier room. When the mail toom moved into the big, new atea downstairs, the entire area on the fitst floot was given over to the Dean of Students. Renovations made room for a teception area, a conference room, the Dean of Students office, the Associate Dean of Students office, the financial aid/secretary's office, and a coffee area.

The seminary's office space has become much more functional and efficient. All three new conference tooms are intended for multiple use — for small classes, confetences, meetings, or interviews. Until this time there was inadequate space to interview students for calls to churches, admission to Columbia, or for supervised ministry placements. All the renovations in Campbell were done as part of a larger plan to meet present needs and to ptepate the seminaty for the next century.

The Friendship Apartments were the second site for renovation on the Columbia campus. The building of 12 student apartments had not been renovated since its completion in 1960. Renovation funds for the apartments came from another anonymous foundation, which contributed $180,000.

The apartments' interiors were painted along with the building's stairways. Extra insulation was added to the attic for gteater energy efficiency, and the old windows wete teplaced with thermopane windows. Each apartment received a new furnace and air conditioning. Previously, none of the apartments had air conditioning.

Inside the apartments, each unit received new mini-blinds to replace the old venetian blinds. New water heaters were installed, and new catpet was put down.

The biggest change took place in the apartment kitchens. Each kitchen now has a new set of cabinets, as well as a new stove. In addition, the workers put in new floor coverings in all of the kitchens.

The work on the apartments was done during the summet with minimal displacement of students and

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*New students register for fall classes.*

## Columbia begins new year

PRESIDENT DOUGLAS OLDENBURG ptesented a challenge to the Columbia Seminaty community in his address, "Beginning with a Vision," during the opening convocation at Columbia Presbyterian Church on September 9. He invited all students and faculty to share in the shaping of that vision.

The opening convocation officially welcomed new students who have come to learn and to work in Columbia's academic programs this fall. Columbia has added 52 new students to the master's degree ptograms. The majority of students enter the M.Div. program while others enroll in the more specialized Mastet of Arts in Theological Studies or the Master of Arts in Youth Ministry ptograms. In addition, five persons have been admitted as unclassified students.

The new students come ftom 12 states and four countries, and 88 percent of them ate members of the Presbyterian Chutch (USA). The average age for this group is 33.7. This new group of students represents a doubling of the percentage of women students over the last two-year period; forty percent of the new students are female.

These students are gtaduates of such institutions as Eckerd, Agnes Scott, Davidson, Presbyterian, Austin, Flagler, and Wofford Colleges and the College of William and Mary; the Universities of Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, California at Irvine, Texas; Auburn, Baylor, Duke, Geotgia State, Tulane, and Wake Forest Universities;

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# *From the President*

Douglas W. Oldenburg

IN MY OPENING convocation address, "Beginning With A Vision," I invited faculty and students to join me in shaping a vision for Columbia Seminary. I acknowledged that it is always tempting to settle for the way things are and suggested that the beginning of a new school year is a good time to "climb the mountain" again for a renewed vision of what could be. For openers, I offered three elements in my vision for Columbia:

1. A *Scholarly* Community - searching for God's truth. Recognizing that many of us have a built-in resistance to the erudite sound of the word "scholar," I nevertheless envision Columbia to be a community where scholarship — hard, disciplined study, research, probing reflection — is taken seriously as a personal responsibility of stewardship and a mandate of loving God with our minds. I long for Columbia to be a community of those who have a thirst to learn, a passion for probing the mysteries of God, and a commitment to study, not just to pass a course, but to fulfill their callings.
2. A *Caring* Community - reflecting God's love. Our task is not only to nurture scholars, but pastoral scholars or scholarly pastors who care not only about understanding God's truth but also loving God's hurting world. I want us to extend our love and care for one another to encompass the homeless people, the hungry people, the oppressed and the oppressors. I long for us to be a community that genuinely cares about peace and justice in God's world and where the burning issues of our day are discussed in a "community of moral discourse" from the perspective of the Christian faith.
3. A *Worshipping* Community - offering thanks to God, listening for God's Word, and interceding for God's world. I pray that Columbia will be a community where worship is not incidental to our life together, but at the very heart of it, and where we worship not as spectators or critics (a particular danger at seminaries!) but as authentic participants.

That's only the beginning of a vision, and to some extent we are already there, but still. . . .I invite you to offer your correctives and additions and to join in shaping the vision and moving closer to it.

With warmest regards,

Douglas W. Oldenburg

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and others. Thirty-seven percent of the class graduated from church-related institutions.

The new students bring a variety of gifts with them to Columbia seminary. A brief listing of some of their jobs includes a director of placement and career counseling, landscaper, director of Christian education, science teacher, auto leaser, attorney, associate director of music; store manager, mortician, free-lance writer, counselor, vice president of research and development, special education teacher, and engineer.

The Columbia Scholarship recipients for this new class are Sue Boardman, Karen Edwards, Lynette Solomon, and Jonathan Wallace. The Columbia Scholarship is a one-year scholarship for persons who have shown significant academic and leadership abilities during their undergraduate study.

The Honor Scholarship recipients for the class are Carol Boggs, Sid Burgess, Sara Burress, Judy Lutz, and Earl Smith. Honor Scholarships are awarded annually on the basis of a student's academic achievement, leadership, and demonstration of promise for the ordained ministry.

Below is a listing of the new students and their hometowns.

Sylvia Babu, *Bangalore, India*
Shawn Barkley, *Richmond, KY*
Barbara Benton, *Birmingham, AL*
Sue Boardman, *Lakeland, FL*
Carol Boggs, *Spartanburg, SC*
Colleen Bolkcom, *Lakeland, FL*
Harry Brazell, *Ellaville, GA*
Harris Brown, *Atlanta, GA*
Sid Burgess, *Birmingham, AL*
Sara Burress, *Atlanta, GA*
Bob Chastain, *Decatur, GA*
Tae Cheong, *Connelly Springs, NC*
Hae Jeong Chun, *Inchon, Korea*
Sharon Core, *Decatur, GA*
Ginny Cushman, *Summerville, SC*
Audrey Deas, *John's Island, SC*
Sue Dobbs, *St. Petersburg, FL*
Karen Edwards, *Tarboro, NC*
Mark George, *Conyers, GA*
Chuck Goodman, *DeBary, FL*
Mary Stewart Hall, *Griffin, GA*
Ken Holt, *Jacksonville, FL*
Beth Hoskins, *Commerce, GA*
Wil Howie, *Oxford, MS*
Jane Huffstetler, *Pine Bluff, AR*
Jeff Hutcheson, *Jonesboro, GA*
Dolores Ingraham, *Tallahassee, FL*
Todd Jenkins, *Valdosta, GA*
David Jones, *Anderson, SC*
Dennis Jones, *Woodstock, GA*
Tim Kiser, *Altamonte Springs, FL*
Ed Knight, *Atlanta, GA*
Zeta Lamberson, *Marietta, GA*
Don Lawson, *Inverness, FL*
Pete Little, *Chattanooga, TN*
Judy Lutz, *Jacksonville, FL*
Rob McDaniel, *Cusseta, GA*
John McLean, *Camden, SC*
Mike Murdock, *Charlotte, NC*
Julius Nelson, *Monrovia, Liberia*
Charlie Newton, *Marietta, GA*
Jackie Newton, *Lilburn, GA*
Laura Norris, *Decatur, AL*
Bob Reese, *Milton, FL*
Keith Riddle, *Charleston, SC*
Bill Rogers, *Stone Mountain, GA*
Mark Schumann, *St. Petersburg, FL*
Peter Shelly, *Austin, TX*
Earl Smith, *Brandon, FL*
Will Smith, *Albertville, AL*
Lynette Solomon, *Dallas, TX*
Catherine Taylor, *Mobile, AL*
Holly Tickle, *Huntington Beach, CA*
Rindy Trouteaud, *Roswell, GA*
Jonathan Wallace, *Alexandria, VA*
Jim Weldon, *Jacksonville, FL*
Debbie Zartett, *Stone Mountain, GA*

Renovations
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their families. Bud Brainerd, a second year student, said, "The renovations are wonderful! We particularly like the air conditioning and the changes in the kitchen. The seminary really paid attention to details."

All of the renovations have given the seminary a new, fresh look. Cecil Moore '62, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, had an integral part in the long period of change. He said, "The only way to appreciate what has been done is to see it." The new facilities are being seen and well used by the Columbia community. □

# Dean McKee, Professor Emeritus, dies

DR. DEAN G. MCKEE, Professor Emeritus of Biblical Exposition at Columbia Theological Seminary, died Sunday, July 19, in Decatur. He was 82.

Dr. McKee taught at Columbia from 1961 until his retirement in 1974. He came to Columbia from The Biblical Seminary in New York, where he had served as professor of New Testament Greek and church history, dean, and for 14 years as president.

Dr. McKee was a graduate of Parsons College in Iowa and received his theological education from The Biblical Seminary, where he earned the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Sacred Theology and Doctor of Theology.

He was an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church, U.S., and held memberships in a number of professional societies.

He is survived by his wife, Adele Dieckmann McKee, of Decatur.

The funeral service was held at Decatur Presbyterian Church with Dr. Harry Daniel and Dr. Wade P. Huie officiating. Honorary escort was the Columbia Seminary faculty.

*The following is a remembrance of Dr. McKee by Columbia Professor Shirley Guthrie.*

He was a genuine Renaissance man. He taught Bible and church history in such a way that he related them to the history of Western culture in general. He interpreted the history of the church with reference to developments in art, architecture, and literature in the West, showing the interrelationship of all disciplines. So, for instance, he often passed around books of art when he taught, and fellow faculty members as well as students found themselves buying books with reproductions of Medieval and Renaissance art, as well as works on Biblical studies and church history.

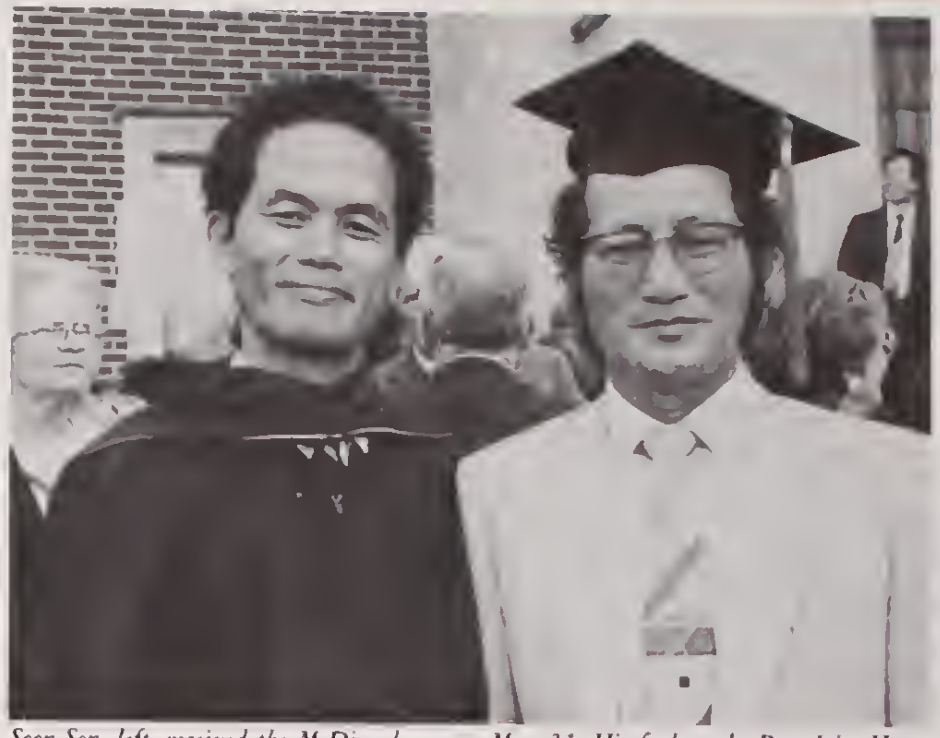
He was a deeply committed Christian and very serious about his

*Dean McKee*

commitment to the church. He expected the same seriousness and commitment from his students. But at the same time he had an almost boyish sense of humor. He went about his work as a teacher with an obvious delight in learning and the discovery of new ideas and insights. His humor and the pleasure he took in teaching and learning were infectious, and students found themselves excited about learning, taking pleasure in their work. He understood himself not as an "authority" (though when he pointed at one with his famous long index finger, one knew he or she was on the spot), but as a co-learner who himself was always growing and learning new things. Faculty members and students alike enjoyed working with him.

McKee was also a devotee of fine music. He encouraged the making of music at Columbia. Along with references to painting, architecture and literature, his lectures were full of references to the music of the church and the way it has influenced and been influenced by the development of the Christian faith.

He was teacher, friend, colleague — and a joyful Christian who set an example for us all. □



*Soon Son, left, received the M.Div. degree on May 31. His father, the Rev. John-Hyun Son, right, traveled from Korea to attend the graduation service.*

# Ninety-one degrees awarded

"WHO IS IN CHARGE? In your ministry — in the ministry of us all — God is in charge, calling people to see what God is doing and to respond to the particular ministry God sets for each one. Who is in charge? When God puts you in a place, God puts you in charge — as an intentional, purposeful, active, responsible minister of God." Dr. C. Benton Kline, President Emeritus and Adjunct Professor of Theology, spoke these words in his commencement address on May 31.

During Columbia's graduation exercises at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, Dr. Kline reminded the graduates of the tension they will face between response to God and intentional action in the ministry. The afternoon exercises followed the 11 a.m. baccalaureate service at Decatur Presbyterian Church. President Emeritus Davison Philips preached the baccalaureate sermon, "Religious Robots or Christ's Ministers?"

One of Columbia's largest graduating classes took part in the school's 155th commencement exercises. The Board of Directors of the seminary awarded 91 degrees.

After Dr. Kline's commencement address, President Oldenburg presented each graduate by name to Board Chairman William A. Adams, who distributed diplomas. This was Dr. Oldenburg's first time to participate in Columbia's commencement ceremonies.

Acting Dean of Students and Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling Jasper Keith congratulated the students after they received diplomas. Vice President for Academic Affairs Oscar Hussel hooded the graduates.

Thirty-two ministers received the Doctor of Ministry degree as a second professional degree. Seven others were awarded the Doctor of Ministry degree as their first professional degree. The Master of Divinity degree was awarded to 45 students, including 11 who received the degree with distinction: Catherine Allsbury, Gerald Coker, Ron Hilliard, Wayne Morrison, Jeri Parris Perkins, Diane Ragsdale, Bob Reno, Melana Scruggs, Rhett Talbert, George Waters, and Sharon Youngs.

The seminary also awarded five Master of Theology degrees and two Master of Arts in Youth Ministry degrees. Catherine Allsbury earned both the M.Div. and the M.A.Y.M. degrees with distinction. Norma Smellie also earned the M.A.Y.M. with distinction.

Eleven seniors were recognized for academic excellence and received special awards or prizes. Christopher Zorn graduated at the top of the class and claimed the Wilds Book Prize. George Waters received the Samuel A. Cartledge New Testament Exegesis Award.

The Presbytery of St. Andrews Women of the Church Preaching Award was given to Robert Reno for the best sermon preached by a student during the academic year. Martha Jane Petersen received the Emma Gaillard Boyce Memorial Award for the best paper on the creative use of music in worship. Lee Holliday won the Abdullah Award for the best paper presenting a program for the teaching of Biblical materials in the public schools and for treating moral and spiritual values and their development in American education.

Olin McBride and Rhett Talbert shared the James T. and Celeste M. Boyd Memorial Book Fund Award, given annually to persons who intend to build their collections of theological books as a resource for their ministry.

Four graduate fellowships were granted to students who plan to pursue degrees beyond the master's level. Mark Bryan received the Columbia Graduate Fellowship. George Waters was given the Harvard A. Anderson Fellowship, and Columbia Friendship Circle Graduate Fellowships were granted to Lee Holliday and Melana Scruggs. □

# 1987 placements

## Doctor of Ministry (In Sequence)

Sidney D. Harmon, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, MS
Lee Holliday, Pastor, Tattnall Square Presbyterian Church, Macon, GA
Stuart McLean, Pastor, Kopperston Presbyterian Church, Kopperston, WV
Geraldine Montfort, in conversation
Martha Jane Petersen, Graduate Study, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
Lynn Stall, Associate Pastor, Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA
Christopher Zorn, Pastor, Sherrill's Ford Presbyterian Church, Sherill's Ford, NC

## Master of Divinity

Catherine Allsbury, in conversation
Patrick Bailey, Pastor, East Point Presbyterian Church, East Point, GA
John Blake, Associate Pastor, New Life Presbyterian Church, Fruitland, FL
William Bland, Pastor, White Hill Presbyterian Church, Sanford, NC
Harper Brady, Pastor, Alta Vista & Ford Creek Presbyterian Churches, Sweetwater, TN
Mark Bryan, Graduate Study, University of Sheffield, England
James Burton, Pastor, Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, Statham, GA
Joey Byrd, in conversation
Randy Clegg, Young Life Staff, First United Methodist Church, Tucker, GA
Leon Clymore, Clinical Pastoral Education, Wesley Woods Center, Atlanta, GA
Gerald Coker, Pastor, Glen Haven Presbyterian Church, Decatur, GA
Curry Davis, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Guntersville, AL
Brett Ellington, Associate and Youth Minister, Mountain West Church of God, Stone Mountain, GA
Daniel Graham, Pastor, Jefferson Presbyterian Church, Jefferson, GA
Jeonghoon Han, Graduate Study, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
Guy Helms, Graduate Study, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
Richard Hill, Associate Pastor, Conyers Presbyterian Church, Conyers, GA
Ronald Hilliard, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, North Palm Beach, FL
Dale Hobbs, Pastor, Hopewell & Bethel Presbyterian Churches, Dandridge, TN; Hebron Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City, TN; Westminster Presbyterian Church, White Pine, TN
Douglas Hood, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Columbus, GA
Young Kim, Assistant to the Pastor, Korean Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, NY
Mark Linker, Pastor, Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, VA
Wade Malloy, Pastor, Shearer Memorial Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, NC
Olin McBride, Pastor, Leland Presbyterian Church, Leland, MS
William McKissack, Volunteer in Mission, General Assembly Mission Board, Bangladesh
Wayne Morrison, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Eaton, OH
George Naze, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Albertville, AL
Steve Nelms, Pastor, Jackson Presbyterian Church, Jackson, GA
Stephen Nickle, Assistant Professor of Religion and Chaplain, Piedmont College, Demorest, GA
Jun Ro Park, in conversation
Gail Perkins, Associate Pastor, Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, GA
Jeri Parris Perkins, Religious Education Teacher, Thornwell Home & School for Children, Clinton, SC
Greg Powell, Minister to Children, Northeast Baptist Church, Doraville, GA
Diane Ragsdale, Pastor, Ormewood Park Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA
Robert Reno, Executive Director, Decatur Cooperative Ministry, Decatur, GA
Karen Rice, in conversation
Leeann Rogers, Associate Pastor, River Hills Community Church, Lake Wylie, SC
Melana Scruggs, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Enid, OK
Ronald Smith, in conversation
Soon Son, Graduate Study, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
Rhett Talbert, Associate Pastor, Pasadena Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg, FL
Vickie Thomas, Associate Pastor, Lakewood Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, FL

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# Continuing Education Calendar

For further information or to register for courses, call or write:
Douglas W. Hix, Director of Advanced Studies, or
Sara C. Juengst, Associate Director of Advanced Studies
Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA 30031 / 404-378-8821.

November 6-7 UNDERSTANDING THE GLOBAL CHURCH. Designed for Advocates in Mission, Ecumenical Missions and Relations chairpersons, pastors, missionaries, chairpersons and members of local Mission and Witness Season Committees, and anyone else with an interest in mission to prepare for Witness Season, 1988. Cost $20 per person; $10 for each additional person from the same church.

November 20-21 PEACEMAKING FORUM. This forum will be led by denominational leaders and will focus on denominational statements on peace and their implications for ministry in education and their significance to the field of peace studies. Cost $50.

January 5-7 JANUARY SEMINAR FOR MINISTERS. See article on this page for more information.

January 5, 12, 19, 26 LAY SCHOOL OF BIBLE AND THEOLOGY. See article on this page for more information.

January 24-29 WEEK IN THE WINTER WOODS. Hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. A group experience of sharing, interdependency, leadership, self-examination, and reflection. Leader: Doug Hix. Cost: $100.

## January Seminars

THE JANUARY SEMINARS for ministers, January 5, 6, and 7, will once again offer expert help on "Preaching on Lent and Easter." The leader of this seminar will be Dr. James Wharton, Professor of Homiletics at Perkins Theological Seminary and former pastor of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston and Professor of Old Testament at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Dr. Wharton brings both academic and practical expertise to this seminar.

Once again the seminars will offer an update on the latest Supplementary Worship Resource. This time the subject is "Prayer," and the course will be taught by the chair of the task force which developed the resource, Dr. Donald Stake, pastor of the Union Presbyterian Church of Schenectady, NY.

Dr. Keith Nickle, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Jefferson City, TN, and formerly Professor of New Testament at Columbia, will lead a study of Hebrews called "To a Pilgrim People."

Columbia's new president, Dr. Douglas Oldenburg, will teach a seminar on "Multiple Staff Relationships," drawing on his experience as pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, NC. This course will look at the tensions and joys of working in multiple staff situations. It will give guidance in developing harmonious and fruitful relationships which draw on the strengths of colleagues.

Another seminar will be offered by Dr. Darrel Ray, a counseling psychologist who has specialized in helping ministers and chaplains in their preaching and counseling. This seminar will provide help in the construction of healing metaphors for sermons and the use of story and metaphor to focus and challenge congregations and individuals.

For more information, write or call the Office of Advanced Studies at Columbia. □

## Lay School of Bible and Theology

FOR FOUR TUESDAY EVENINGS in January, Columbia Seminary will offer its annual Lay School of Bible and Theology. The dates are January 5, 12, 19, 26, 1988. Each participant may choose *one* class from the following:

- Acts — Dr. David Moessner
- History of the Presbyterian Church — Dr. Erskine Clarke
- The Church in the USSR — the Rev. Sara Juengst
- Your Ministry in the Workplace — Dr. Robert S. Smith

The registration fee for each course is $25. To register, please call 404/378-8821, or mail your name, address, choice of class, and $25 to Lay School, Columbia Seminary, P.O. Box 520, Decatur, GA 30031. □

Copies of *Colored Light: The Story of the Influence of Columbia Theological Seminary 1828-1936* by Louis LaMotte '25 are available from the Development Office. Please send your name and address or call the Development Office, Columbia Seminary, Box 520, Decatur, GA 30031, 404/378-8821 for your book.

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Drew Tomberlin, Pastor, Boston Presbyterian Church, Boston, GA
George Waters, Graduate Study, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ
Sharon Youngs, Pastor, Ruffner Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charleston, WV

### Master of Arts (Youth Ministry)

Catherine Allsbury, in conversation
Norma Smellie, in conversation

### Doctor of Ministry (in Ministry)

Earle Angell, Aiken, SC
Bennett Bishop, Monroe, GA
Albert Bowles, Maryville, TN
William Boyd, Summerville, SC
Thomas Cheatham, Montevallo, AL
Gabriel Clark, Decatur, GA
William Conine, Columbus, GA
Larry Cosper, Graham, AL
James Cross, Tulsa, OK
Barry Davies, Decatur, GA
Daniel Davis, Jacksonville, FL
Richard Gates, Hurricane, WV
John Gleason, Valley Forge, PA
Gwynette Grier, Orlando, FL
Earl Hackett, Augusta, GA
Carl Hall, Atlanta, GA
Elias Hardge, St. Louis, MO
Ross Hightower, Atlanta, GA
A. C. Holler, Charleston Heights, SC
John Johnson, Decatur, GA
Mary Kuhns, Roswell, GA
Daniel McCall, Augusta, GA
Clyde McCants, Greenville, SC
Tony Mnon, Franklin Springs, GA
James Moore, Langley, SC
Alan Posey, Covington, GA
Frederick Talbot, Atlanta, GA
Lewis Trotter, Sarasota, FL
Harold Vaughn, Birmingham, AL
Jennifer Whitaker, Atlanta, GA
Ronald Wilkins, Albuquerque, NM
Robert Williams, Ridgewood, NJ

### Master of Theology

Jerrold Burnside, Stone Mountain, GA
Lance Netland, Decatur, GA
Kathryn Sandifer, Tucker, GA
William Watkins, Mableton, GA
Ronald Wilson, Monroe, GA

Composites of the 1987 graduates are available from the Seminary Relations Office, Columbia Seminary, P.O. Box 520, Decatur, GA 30031. Composites have been mailed to 1987 graduates.

## Travel to USSR

THE YEAR 1988 is the 1,000th anniversary of Christianity in the USSR. To celebrate this fact, Columbia Theological Seminary is offering an opportunity to visit the Soviet Union and meet fellow Christians whose faith is triumphant in spite of living in a communist state.

Traveling from May 31 through June 16, the group will learn about the traditions and beliefs to which Soviet citizens are exposed in the family, the workplace, the school, and the church. The group will gain an enhanced awareness of the diversity and richness of the multinational Soviet society.

Dr. Thomas Remington of the Emory University faculty will lead the group throughout its tour of the USSR. Dr. Remington has lived in the Soviet Union as an exchange scholar. During the trip, he will acquaint the group with the significant historical, religious, and cultural sites on the tour.

Tour hosts will be President and Mrs. Douglas W. Oldenburg. Dr. Oldenburg, Columbia's seventh president, has a strong interest in global concerns.

The cost of the trip is $3,150, which includes air and land transportation, all meals, services of bilingual guide, first class hotels in the Soviet Union and Poland, and evening cultural performances. For more information, write or call the Rev. Sara Juengst, Columbia Seminary, Box 520, Decatur, GA 30031; 404/378-8821. □

## Forum 1988

### February 1-4

SMYTH LECTURER Phyllis Trible, Baldwin Professor of Sacred Literature, Union Theological Seminary in New York.
ALUMNI/AE LECTURER James Sanders, President, Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center, Claremont, California.
FORUM PREACHER Will Ormond, Professor uf Biblical Exposition, Columbia Theological Seminary.


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*Left to right: Beverly Gaventa, Phil Gehman '68, Bob Smith '71*

*Left to right: Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Justo Gonzalez, Bill Thurston*

# New full-time appointments

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY has filled three full-time positions, President Douglas Oldenburg has announced.

Dr. Beverly R. Gaventa has been named Professor of New Testament. She began teaching at Columbia in September after leaving the position of associate professor of New Testament at Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, NY, where she had taught since 1976.

Professor Gaventa has received degrees from Phillips University, Union Theological Seminary in New York, and Duke University. She was awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Kalamazoo College in 1983.

Author of numerous articles and reviews, Dr. Gaventa has written the book, *From Darkness to Light: Aspects of Conversion in the New Testament.* She serves as managing editor of the new annual supplement, *Critical Review of Books in Religion* and as book editor of *Journal for the American Academy of Religion.*

She is a member of the Society of Biblical Literarure and is chair of the sociery's Search Committee to find an execurive director. Professor Gaventa is a member of the Plenary Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches, the American Academy of Religion, and was a member of the Board of Directors of Union Seminary in New York from 1973 until 1985. She has recently been elected to Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas.

Dr. Philip R. Gehman has been appointed to the new position of Dean of Students/Vice President for Student Life. Dr. Gehman moves to this posirion after serving as Director of Admissions and Placement at Columbia since 1985.

A graduate of Columbia, Dr. Gehman served as associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Waynesboro, VA, and at First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC. He was pastor at Faith Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC, before joining Columbia's staff. While in the pastorate, Dr. Gehman earned the D.Min. degree from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.

In the new position of Vice Presidenr for Student Life, Dr. Gehman supervises the administration of the Office of Student Life, including financial aid and housing assignments, and the Office of Admissions and Placement.

Dr. Robert S. Smith, a former member of Columbia's Board of Directors, has been appointed Director of the Lay Institute of Faith and Life at Columbia. In this newly created position, Dr. Smith will design and direct continuing education programs for lay people, both on and off campus.

He will be developing courses in such areas as the Christian faith and the workplace, leadership development in the church, and others.

An honors graduate of Princeton Universiry, Harvard Law School, and Columbia Seminary, Dr. Smith brings a variery of talents and experiences to the new position. After service in the U.S. Navy, he was partner in a Jacksonville law firm from 1961 until 1968. Following graduation from Columbia in 1971, Dr. Smith served pastorates in Georgia, Kentucky, and Florida.☐

PICTURES AND A REPORT of the inauguration of Dr. Douglas Oldenburg as Columbia's seventh president will be printed in the next issue of *Vantage*.

# New part-time faculty

JUSTO LUIS GONZALEZ, Ph.D., has begun teaching at Columbia Seminary as Adjunct Professor of Church History. Dr. Gonzalez is well known in the Columbia community and is the husband of Dr. Catherine Gonzalez, Professor of Church History.

Dr. Gonzalez was horn and educated in Cuba before coming to the United States. He received the Ph.D. from Yale University in 1961 and has been an active member of a number of ecumenical commissions and task forces. He has lectured at several institutions, including Yale University, Union Theological Seminary, McCormick Theological Seminary, and Claremont School of Theology.

Dr. Gonzalez is best known for his prolific writing. He has published 35 books, most of which are in Spanish. He has also written over 250 arricles for various publications.

Dr. Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner joins the faculty this year as Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology. She is married to Dr. David Moessner, Associate Professor of New Testament at Columbia. She taught at Columbia as a visiting professor in 1985-86.

Dr. Stevenson-Moessner completed the D.Theol. at the University of Basel, Switzerland. She received the M.A. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and did her undergraduate work at Vanderbilt University.

She has spent several years abroad, both teaching and studying. She held instructor positions in England and West Germany and has a special interest in human development. While in West Germany, Dr. Stevenson-Moessner founded, developed, and administrated a guidance department for Black Forest Academy.

Dr. Stevenson-Moessner's dissertation, "Theological Dimensions of Maturation in a Missionary Milieu," is forthcoming this year.

The Rev. William A. Thurston comes to Columbia Seminary this year as Visiting Instructor in Church and Society. A graduate of the University of Illinois, Mr. Thurston is a former architect and city planner. From 1975 until 1980, he served as National Director of Operation PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity).

Mr. Thurston then returned to school and received the M.Div. degree from Candler School of Theology in 1983 with an emphasis in social ethics. He is currently in the Ph.D. program at Emory University in the field of ethics and society. This year he will he teaching part-time at Columbia while he completes the work for his dissertation.☐

# Admissions conferences planned

WHAT IS A CALL to the Christian ministry? Men and women exploring their sense of call to the ministry are invited to attend two special conferences at Columbia Seminary. These conferences offer an opportunity to talk with Columbia students, faculty, and staff members about preparation for ministry at Columbia Theological Seminary. There will be ample time to ask questions about housing, financial aid, and Columbia's curriculum, and to get a taste of life in Atlanta.

The conference dates are November 13-15 and February 26-28. College students, recent graduates, persons considering a career change into ministry, and spouses are invited to attend either conference.

If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in attending one of the conferences, please contact Ruth Shannon, Office of Admissions, Columbia Seminary, Decatur, GA 30031, 404/378-8821, for further informarion.☐

# For the Record

If you have recent news you would like to contribute to this section, please send it to the editor.

**Sherron George** (D.Min. '86) is a professor in the theological seminary in Londrina, Parana, Brazil. One of three seminaries of the Independent Presbyterian Church of Brazil, it has about 100 students enrolled. Dr. George is the first ordained woman to teach in a Presbyterian seminary in Brazil. Her main areas are missions and Christian education, and she also teaches Hebrew.....**Merritt Nickinson** '84 has been called as pastor to the Bethel Presbyterian Church in Wichita, KS.....**Gordon Williams** '77 is teaching history and English in the Upper School of Darlington School, Rome, GA.

**Robert Ramey**, Professor of Ministry at Columbia, visited the Parish Resource Center at Lancaster, PA, on behalf of Columbia and completed a manuscript on leadership for the church.....**Lawrence Peebles** '83 has been called to the Cairo, GA, church.....**G. Thompson Brown**, Associate Professor of World Christianity at Columbia, spent three weeks in China as chairman of a small staff group from the Division of International Missions. The group was in Hebei Province at the invitation of the Public Health Department, at Yangbin Agricultural College in Jilin Province, and at the seminary in Nanjing.

**Toshiyuki Kubotera** (Th.M. '75) has begun chaplaincy work in a Christian hospital in Osaka, Japan.....**Benton Kline**, Adjunct Professor of Theology and President Emeritus at Columbia, taught at the Synod of Florida Women's Conference in May.....**Bonneau Dickson** '33, Field Representative at Columbia, was a member of the Commission to organize Calvin Covenant Presbyterian Church in Macon, GA.....**Bert Swearingen** '65 has been called to the Hernando, MS, church.....**Rebecca Taylor** '81 has been called as associate pastor to the First Presbyterian Church in Lenoir, NC.

**Charles Roberts** '83 is associate pastor of the First church in Greenville, SC.....**Sara C. Juengst** '83, Associate Director of Advanced Studies at Columbia, gave the keynote speech at First Presbyterian in Dalton, GA, for their workers' banquet and taught Christian education in the lay preachers' school for Cherokee Presbytery in April. In May she participated in the National Council of Churches' trip to the USSR in order to do mission interpretation for the PC(USA) next year. She wrote the curriculum for the new Presbyterian series, Bible Discovery and Celebrate!, and served on the design team for Celebrate!, first and second grades, 1990.

**Jasper Keith** (STD '79), Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Columbia, led a seminar on medical ethics for Army doctors, nurses, and chaplains, in Wuerzburg, Germany, and attended the annual meeting of the Society for Pastoral Theology in Denver in June. In July he addressed the Cobb County (GA) Hospital Chaplains Association on "Pastoral Care to AIDS Patients and Their Families" and presented an address at the Medical Ethics Symposium in Augusta, GA.....**Mills Peebles** '59 has been called to the First church in Laurel, MS.....**Bruce Lancaster** '79 is pastor of the Westminster church in Decatur, AL.

**Peter Carruthers** '73 (Th.M. '83) is associate pastor of congregational care and commitment at White Memorial Church in Raleigh, NC.....**C. Betts Huntley** (D.Min. '86) is pastor of the First church in Safety Harbor, FL.....**Sharon Youngs** '87, a Maryville College Board member, preached the baccalaureate sermon there.....**David Waters** '68 has been assigned to the chaplain's staff of Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC.....**James Newsome** '55, Professor of Old Testament at Columbia, contributed book reviews to the periodicals *Interpretation* and *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* and devoted time to a projected book on Second Temple Judaism. He also attended the international meeting of the society of Biblical Literature in Heidelburg, West Germany.

**Lucy Rose**, Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship at Columbia, led worship at a gathering of women faculty at Presbyterian seminaries and Presbyterian women faculty at non-Presbyterian seminaries in Chicago in April. She lectured at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary at their summer School of Religion in June.....**Fred Bonkovsky**, Professor of Christian Ethics at Columbia, during the past year of his sabbatic leave has preached and spoken in churches in West and East Germany and in seminaries and evangelical academies in Germany and Italy. He attended and studied the German Kirchentage (church renewal conferences) of over 100,000 persons. Dr. Bonkovsky was visiting professor at the Johann Goethe University in Frankfurt, where he participated in courses in the theology, philosophy, and social science departments. His writings appeared in the journals *Commonweal* and *Eur/NATO Review*.

**Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner**, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology at Columbia, attended a conference for Presbyterian Women in Theological Education in Chicago in April and led a series of Sunday School classes at Emory Presbyterian Church in May. Some of her research on children of missionaries has been published in *Missiology: An International Review*, Vol. XIV, No. 3, and her article concerning conversation between Karl Barth and Friedrich Gogarten in 1920 was published in the Aug. 12 issue of *Die Neue Zeitschrift fuer Systematische Theologie und Religionsphilosophie* (Tuebingen).....**Charles Gibbs** '56 has been honorably retired by Athens Presbytery from stated supply of the Tiger, GA, church.....**Kerry Duncan** '80 is chaplain at the Wesley Woods Geriatric Center in Atlanta.

**Brian Childs**, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Counseling at Columbia, and **Marilyn Washburn** '81 taught a sophomore elective course at Emory University Medical School on Pastoral Care for Medical Students. In May he led a workshop in New Orleans at the Meeting of Presbyterian Men on "Stress and the Christian Life" and a workshop on "Grief Through Separation and Divorce" at a meeting of the Atlanta Singles Ministry. He and John Patton led a plenary presentation at the annual meeting of the Society For Pastoral Theology on their forthcoming book, *Christian Marriage and Family: Caring for Our Generations*, in Denver. His article, "Some Brief Reflections on Value Training in Family Therapy Education," appeared in the June '87 issue of *Journal of Pastoral Care*.

**H.K. Johnston** '82 has been called to the Hartness Thornwell Memorial Church and as chaplain at the Thornwell Home in Clinton, SC.....**William Boyle** (Th.M '75) has been honorably retired by Atlanta Presbytery from the Georgia Association of Pastoral Care.....**Ben Johnson**, Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth at Columbia, addressed Celebration '87, sponsored by the Synod of the Covenant in South Bend, IN, in April. In May he led a workshop on "Faith Sharing" at the Presbyterian Men's Convention in New Orleans and conducted "Days of Decision" for Government Street Presbyterian Church in Mobile. He has addressed Wilmington and Holston Presbyteries, conducted a worship service at the Lake Huron Presbytery meeting and spoken for Special Order of Day in Flint, MI. He led clergy training for New Age Dawning for Synod of the Covenant, Detroit, MI, and Synod of the Sun, Dallas, TX.

**George McMaster** '53 has been honorably retired as interim pastor at East Point, GA, church.....**John Patton**, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, was Rall Lecturer at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in their Spring Lecture Series, "Communicating a Caring Ministry," in April. In June he lectured at Duke University on "Caring for Your Generations" and "Loyalty and Commitment in Generational Care." In August he did a two-day workshop in Perth, Australia, on "Pastoral Care and Human Forgiveness" and was the keynote speaker at the Third International Congress on Pastoral Care and Counseling in Melbourne on the conference theme, "Pastoral Ministry in a Fractured World." Also in Melbourne he gave three lectures on "Caring for Your Generations" at the Tenth Joint Annual Conference of the

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*Dr. Ben Johnson, right, was inaugurated as Peachtree Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth on April 7. Dr. Frank Harrington '60, left, Paster of Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, gave the charge to the professor. Dr. Johnson's inaugural address was "Some Narrative Aspects of Evangelism."*

## BIRTHS

To Ron '82 and Judy Stone, a son, Ian Arthur, Nov. 25, 1986.
To Ken '84 and Lisa Barfield, a son, John Russell, Feb. 1987.
To Mark '84 and Talley K. Kayser, a daughter, Talley Virginia, Aug. 10, 1987.
To Penny '86 and Richard '87 Hill, a son, Nicholas Griffin, May 20, 1987.
To Charles '86 and Melissa Tucker, a daughter, Hannah Rae, Mar. 1, 1987.
To Olin '87 and Jim McBride, a daughter, Emory Virginia, July 14, 1987.
To Kevin '89 and Kimberly Dorsett, a daughter, Elizabeth Kimberly, July 10, 1987.

## DEATHS

Samuel Burney Hay '23, Aug. 8, 1987.
Charles Cureton '28, June 12, 1987.
David F. Blue '36, April 9, 1987.
Eddie Craig '51, Sept. 5, 1987.
Forest Traylor '54, March 23, 1987.
Dean McKee, July 19, 1987.

*Dr. Erskine Clarke '66, center, was inaugurated as Professor of American Religious History on September 23, delivering the address, "Southern Nationalism, Religion, and Columbia Theological Seminary." Dr. Janos Pasztor, left, Professor of Practical Theology and Dean of Reformed Theological Academy in Debrecen, Hungary, and Visiting Professor of Practical Theology at Columbia this year, and William Arnold '66, right, Dean of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, took part in the service.*

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Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools and Society for Theological Studies, where he shared the morning platform with Jurgen Moltmann.

**Luke Harkey** '74 has been appointed Assistant Professor of Religious Education at the Boston University School of Theology.....**Normer Adams** (D.Min. '86) has been licensed as a marriage and family therapist. He is the administrator of Christian City Children's Home in Atlanta.....**Wade Huie** '46, Professor of Homiletics at Columbia, preached the baccalaureate sermon at Presbyterian College in May and received the Doctor of Divinity degree at graduation.....**Clara Stuart** (M.B.E. '65) has written a book, *Latimer: Apostle to the English*, about the English Reformer.....**Doug Hood** '87 and **Grace Cameron** (M.A.T.S. '88) were married in Tampa on June 27.

**Ed Trimmer**, Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia, was theologian in residence for staff training at Camp Glisson in north Georgia in June. He was keynote speaker and preacher during Youth Week in July at Lake Junaluska and was Bible study leader with David Stone at the National Youth Ministry Organization's meeting in Montgomery in August. In September he led a youth fellowship component for an Athens Presbytery Leadership Workshop and the youth leaders' component at the School of Christian Enrichment, North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church.....**Maynard Pittendreigh** (D.Min. '86) has been called to the Altama church in Brunswick, GA.

**Gwin Pratt** '82 is pastor of the Orange Park church in Jacksonville.....**Mike Carey** '86 and Lynn Brockwell were married June 13 in Marietta, GA.....**Lavern Franzen** (D.Min. '85) has been elected bishop of the State of Florida for the newly formed Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.....**Matthew McGowan** '52 is moderator of East Tennessee Presbytery.....**Yale Gunn** '54 gave the invocation and benediction at the University of Florida commencement on May 2, when his son graduated. Yale is minister of two rural churches in West Virginia, the Salem and McLean churches near Ronceverte.....**Lyle Peterson** '46 has retired from missionary service after 37 years in Japan.

**Larry Richards** '59 has been called to the Covenant church in Augusta, GA.....**Roland Purdue** '59 is pastor of First church in Birmingham, MI.....**Brad Smith** '89 and Nancy Holderman were married in Columbia, SC, on June 6.....**L.C Moore** '53 has returned to the mission field in Japan.....**John Ellington** '62 has moved from Dakar, Senegal, to Bouake, Ivory Coast, and is continuing to work as Bible Translations Consultant with the United Bible Societies in West Africa.....**Ken Barfield** '84 is pastor of the St. Andrew's church in Little Rock, AR.....**Ludwig Dewitz**, Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia, spent two weeks in May as resident pastor at a Christian hostel for the elderly in Switzerland. He spent July in Colorado Springs teaching Young Life staff members.

**Michael Winters** '76 is pastor of the Presbyterian church of Berwyn, IL.....**David Gunn**, Professor of Old Testament at Columbia, lectured on new approaches to the study of biblical narrative at the Presbyterian Theological Hall, Dunedin, New Zealand, and at the United Faculty of Theology, Melbourne, Australia, in June and July. He gave the 1987 Jean and Farquhar Gunn Lectures, "Reading the Old Anew: The Book of Ruth, or Two Women in a Man's World," for the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria, in Melbourne and Geelong. He conducted a workshop on Old Testament narrative for the Synod's continuing education division. In September he attended the Advisory Council of *Interpretation* at Union Seminary in Richmond. Dr. Gunn has had a chapter on Joshua and Judges published in Harvard University Press' new *Literary Guide to the Bible*.....**John Pope** '79, Navy chaplain, and his family, now stationed at the Naval Air Station, Subic Bay, Phillipines, were presented with the Great American Family Community Award in January. □

# *Development/Seminary Relations*

By James F. Dickenson
Vice President, Development/Seminary Relations

## A healthy institution

As I HAVE often said, a healthy educational institution must he strong in four key areas if it is to make an impact on society, or in our case, the church. This applies to two-year colleges, four-year liberal arts schools, universities, and all kinds of graduate schools. Weakness in any one or two of these will create untold problems which can cripple institutions. Let's review these four.

1. *Adminstration*: Strong, positive administration always begins with the president. The president must deal with all constituencies, but he or she is also responsible for the overall administration of the school. The Board of Directors (Trustees) provides the governing oversight and must always know its considerable responsibilities and duties. However, it is the president, administrators, and staff who must keep the enterprise running.

Another part of this is to develop and implement directions and objectives. A good long- and short-range plan should always be in place, because it provides a do-able list of accomplishments, attainable over a period of years.

2. *Faculty*: The core of any good educational institution is its faculty. To be obvious, the purpose of an educational institution is to educate. To receive the best education requires the best teaching faculty. Therefore, scholars are needed, scholars who teach and who appreciate what they are attempting to do. At Columbia Seminary we have an outstanding faculty. There is love for the church, a pastoral concern for the students, and a feeling for the future health of the kingdom.

Columbia takes steps to ensure its faculty is properly trained, both before assuming a teaching post and by granting sabbaticals every seven years for those who have served in the classroom.

3. *Students*: A company is known by its product. So is an institution. What comes forth, what is productive, is a measure of how well the product is put together. But it is important that before we get to what comes out, we become aware of what goes in. Students are called of God, to be his servants. They must be capable, intelligent, committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They must also have leadership qualities because they will be called upon to lead congregations. Over the decades too many churches have been hurt because of poor leadership.

4. *Constituents*: It is safe to say that no institution can exist for long without its faithful constituents and strong supporters. Alumni/ae, friends of the seminary, active participants, our boards, and support groups are extremely important to the health of the institution. There are many who lend emotional support as well as financial support, and there are people who want to see the seminary become one of the best around the world. Their interest, loyalty, and commitment are treasures which cannot be replaced.

As I have said, all four areas must be strong to have a healthy institution. However, there is one other vitally important ingredient which applies to all of the above.

There must be balance. None of these four areas should be allowed to "get out of balance." We have heard recently how some constituents tried to influence the hiring of football coaches at a major university. An imbalance.

Sometimes faculties have made a grab for power. An imbalance. I have heard recently about an administration which simply could not cut it, and the president resigned. An imbalance.

A healthy institution will have strength across the board and will also strive for balance among its key areas.

Fortunately, Columbia Seminary appears to be a very healthy institution with each of its areas strong and in proper balance. □

## PAC to meet

THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL will hold its annual meeting Friday, October 30, at Columbia Seminary. At its meeting, the council will discuss the seminary's programs and activities and will hear from officers and faculty members of the seminary.

The President's Advisory Council is a group of leaders from throughout the seven southeastern states which support Columbia. These men and women meet yearly to be brought up to advise President Oldenburg, the faculty, and administration.

Officers for 1987-88 are Joe Patrick, chairman; John Chambless, vice chairman; and Hayden Sams, secretary. □

*Jamaican alums with Atlanta visitors on the campus of the United Theological College of the West Indies*

# Alumni/ae meeting in Jamaica

IN THE SPRING of this year, the Jamaican alumni/ae of Columbia Seminary gathered to meet President Douglas Oldenburg and, as at any alumni/ae meeting, to ask about friends and talk about their time on the Columbia campus. The setting was The Devon House, one of the historic Great Houses of Jamaica, now a museum and a splendid restaurant.

Those who garhered represented much of the leadership of the church in Jamaica today: the Rt. Rev. Neville DeSouza, Bishop of Jamaica (Anglican); President Ashley Smith of the United Theological College of the West Indies; the Rt. Rev. Standford Webley, past moderator of the United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman; theology professors and parish ministers, young pastors, teachers, and experienced church administrators.

The occasion was provided by a meeting to review the cooperative program between the schools of the Atlanta Theological Association and the United Theological College. Guests from Atlanta were, in addition ro Dr. Oldenburg, Presidenr James Costen of the Interdenominational Theological Center, Dean Randall Ruble of Erskine Theological Seminary, and Professor Erskine Clarke of Columbia.

The meeting reflected significant changes that have taken place at Columbia during rhe last eight years. The student body now includes numerous internationals. Distinguished inrernational scholars and church leaders spend their sabbatic leave at Columbia, and approximately 70 percent of our U.S. students preparing for ministry now participate in one of Columbia's international programs. U.S. students and faculty, while recognizing that their primary responsibility for ministry remains in the Southeast, have a new awareness of the church around the world and of the Christian ties that transcend national and ethnic lines.

The Jamaican alumni/ae spoke at the dinner with great appreciation for their time at Columbia. Bishop DeSouza said the program at Columbia has been a help to the church in Jamaica as it seeks to minister to the needs of the nation and its people.

President Oldenburg responded by emphasizing the tremendous contribution the church in Jamaica has made to Columbia Seminary and through it to the life of the church in the U.S. He mentioned the many programs with the church in Jamaica that have enhanced Columbia's preparation of persons for ministry.

President Smith spoke of a genuinely mutual relationship between Columbia and the United Theological College where each seeks to support and be of help to the other. He presented copies of a recent history of the Caribbean to the guests from Atlanta.

The meal of suckling pig, curried goat, and jerk chicken (cooked over allspice coals) was a happy and memorable occasion for those Columbia alumni/ae and their friends who gathered under the Devon House trees. Professor Howard Gregory of the United Theological College spoke for all when he gave thanks for the time together, for the good food, and for the ties of Christian love that bind people together from all nations and races.☐

*Professor Erskine Clarke, the writer, directs Columbia's international program.*

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